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Governor Baker: "Remember, Appreciate, and Honor the Sacrifice"



BOSTON – In honor of Memorial Day, the Baker-Polito Administration released the following video from Governor Charlie Baker’s remarks at the Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund Memorial Day Ceremony last Thursday. Along with Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, Mayor Marty Walsh, Secretary Francisco Urena, and President of the Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund Stephen Kerrigan, the Governor paid tribute to our fallen military heroes and expressed his gratitude and condolences to our servicemembers’ families and loved ones.

Soldiers and Sailors Monument, Boston Common, Boston, MA
May 26, 2016

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Transcription:

GOVERNOR BAKER: I don’t remember if it was four or five years ago, but I was driving up Beacon Street on a Saturday and I caught a glimpse of this display out of the corner of my eye and I pulled over and I walked over here and spent a few minutes just looking at this incredible display and realizing that behind every single one of those flags was a story and a person and a family and a set of loved ones and a commitment to an ideal that was higher than themselves for which they paid the ultimate price and that is why it is so important that we never forget, because believe me, the families and the friends of those that make up these flags will never forget their friend or family member and the loss and the pain that was associated with that sacrifice but there is some comfort for them in knowing that there is an army of Massachusetts citizens standing behind them who remember, appreciate, and honor the service and the sacrifice that was made by their family member.

In honor of Memorial Day, Governor Baker has ordered that the United States flag and the Commonwealth flag be lowered to half-staff at all state buildings from sunrise until noon and full staff from noon until sunset on Monday, May 30th, 2016. The order applies to the main or administration building of each public institution of the Commonwealth, other state-owned or state-controlled buildings and all state military installations.

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